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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/779,673	Applicant(s) DOSHIDA ET AL.	
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 24-July-2007 has been entered.
2. The amendment filed on 24-July-2007 has been received and entered. Claims 13-23 are pending.
3. Applicant's Amendment has overcome the previous rejections under 112.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 13-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eyal (US 2003/0018799 A1) previously presented.

As per claims 13, 18 and 21 Eyal is directed to a controlling method, device and instructions of a content obtaining device for obtaining (wherein "for" is interpreted to be intended use and should be replaced with "to") a content data from a content providing device, the controlling method of the content obtaining device comprising the steps of:

generating a search information in accordance with the content data from the content providing device and types of the content data in the content obtaining device (paragraph 0023, lines 3-5, paragraph 0030);

searching for a new content information in accordance with the search information (paragraph 0025, second column, lines 1-3); and

displaying the new content information in accordance with a result of the searching (paragraph 0025, second column, lines 11-12).

As per claims 14, 19 and 21 Eyal is directed to wherein the content data includes at least one of music title and artist name (paragraph 0024, lines 3-6).

As per claims 15, 20 and 22 Eyal is directed to wherein the types of content information includes at least one of a genre name, music title, and artist name (paragraph 0024, lines 3-6).

As per claim 16 Eyal is directed to further comprising the step of reading out the new content information (paragraph 0026, lines 1-2).

As per claim 17 Eyal is directed to further comprising the step of reproducing the new content information (paragraph 0025, second column, lines 12-16).

Response to Arguments

6. As per applicants' argument that Eyal does not teach the method of generating search information is not considered persuasive.

The Eyal reference teaches searching a client terminal connected to internet (paragraph 0022, lines 1-2). The search information is either generated by the user-query or by user actions (paragraph 0030, lines 1-3). Eyal teaches a media player that would be obtaining the content from the provider and playback the media associated with type of data it can recognize. Therefore the Eyal reference does teach generating information with respect to media content on the internet along with data types that the obtaining device can recognize.

Conclusion


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tomasz Ponikiewski whose telephone number is (571) 272-1721. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on (571)272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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